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For : A METHOD TO DETECT MUTATIONS IN A NUCLEIC  
ACID USING A HYBRIDIZATION-LIGATION  
PROCEDURE

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to a September 27, 2005 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 27, 2005 Final Office Action was due on December 27, 2005. Applicant herein petitions for a one-month extension of time. The fee for the one-month extension is \$120.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed herewith. With a one-month extension, a response is due January 27, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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